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THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM SENT ACTION JIDDA FROM RIYADH ON  
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QUOTE

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FOR CHARGE AND BROWN FROM HUMMON

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EAIR/SA  
SUBJECT: SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE BY MINISTER OF INFORMATION  
YAMANI

PLEASE CLEAR AND RETRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO TREASURY, WASHDC,  
INFO USIA

QUOTE FOR ISW FROM USREP

1. USREP DIRECTOR HUMMON ACCOMPANIED BY LOUIS REID MET WITH  
THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION YAMANI AT LATTER'S REQUEST TO  
DISCUSS POSSIBLE JOINT COMMISSION ASSISTANCE TO THE  
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION. MINISTER YAMANI EXPRESSED AN  
INTEREST IN HAVING SPECIAL ASSISTANTS TO ADVISE HIM ON  
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ASPECTS OF INFORMATION INCLUDING HOW THE KINGDOM MIGHT  
RESPOND TO MAJOR STORIES AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND  
HOW THE SAUDI MEDIA SHOULD HANDLE CONTROVERSIAL EXTERNAL  
OR LOCAL STORIES. HE IS INTERESTED IN SOMEONE WHO HAS HAD  
A GOOD DEAL OF EXPERIENCE WITH "SAVVY" IN THE PRESS AND  
INFORMATION FIELDS. WHAT HE IS SUGGESTING IS SOMEONE WHO  
CAN BE A BEHIND THE SCENES COUNSELLOR ON THE BASIC

INFORMATION POLICIES OF THE GOVERNMENT. YAMANI MAY BE GOINT TO THE U.S. IN APRIL OR DURING THE SUMMER AND WOULD BE PREPARED TO INTERVIEW ANY PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES.

2. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD IT MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR THE JOINT COMMISSION TO PROVIDE SUCH A PERSON BUT WOULD APPRECIATE OUR ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFYING AMERICANS WHO COULD FULFILL THIS ROLE. HUMMON SIAD THAT WE WOULD CHECK INTO THIS WITH OUR OFFICE IN WASHINGTON AND KEPT OPEN THE POSSIBILITY OF RECRUITMENT UNDER CONTRACT THROUGH THE JOINT COMMISSION.

3. MINISTER YAMANI IS ALSO INTERESTED IN ASSISTANCE IN MAINTAINING AND PROVIDING RAPID ACCESS TO THE MINISTRY'S RADIO AND TELEVISION TAPE LIBRARIES. HUMMON AND REID VISITED THE EXISTING LIBRARY FEILITIES AS WELL AS THE TV AND RADIO CENTERS.

4. A SESSION IS TO BE HELD TOMORROW, MARCH 21, WITH DEPUTY MINISTER KHOJA AND SEVERAL OTHER MINISTRY OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS THESE AND OTHER POSSIBILITIES WHICH HAVE BEEN RAISED. IN A RECENT MEETING DR. KHOJA EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN PROGRAMMING ASSISTANCE IN TELEVISION.

5. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER FOLLOWING MEETING WITH DR. KHOJA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND STAFF. YOU MAY WISH CONTACT USIA ON THIS. USREP DIRECTOR HAS DISCUSSED REQUEST OF MINISTER YAMANI WITH PAO RIYADH. CAMPBELL UNQUOTE WILEY

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